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INTRODUCTION

When I was about twelve years old, I became interested in family history and made notes on the information given to me by relatives. This interest has continued throughout the years although months might pass during which it was neglected. By and large, however, it has been a lifetime hobby and one that has given me a great deal of pleasure. Undoubtedly, more material could have been secured if I had expended more time and effort or known what to look for and where to find it. This is purely an amateur effort, though an earnest one, and I still have little knowledge of genealogy as a technical subject.

One will look in vain among these ancestors for illustrious statesmen. Instead, these were pioneer people moving ever westward and building a nation. They were strong, hardy, and able to endure hardships. It was a period of turbulence, and one can be proud of their courage and fortitude. They were not moved so much by public opinion as by the strength of their own convictions.

W. H. Jones, the central figure in this genealogy, remembered nothing of his father except that he came from Bear Creek, Missouri, and had had a daughter, Adaline, by a previous marriage. He had a small picture of her which she had sent him in her childhood. Francis Miniter Jones, his father, left Missouri prior to 1848. In 1942 I went to Bear Creek to try and get more data about him. I found that Bear Creek was only a sign on the road, although a village may have been nearby. A large house was close to the road, and there I was fortunate in meeting Mrs. Lorinda Morgan. She said many people in the county were named Jones but she did not know their relationship. The name Francis M. Jones was not known to her -- after all, it had been almost a hundred years since he left. I showed Mrs. Morgan the picture of Grandpa's half sister and it looked fami-

liar to her, reminding her of a school chum named Laura Hammons. She remembered that Laura's mother was Adaline Hammons and sent me on to the home of Oscar Hammons. Oscar knew nothing of family history except that his aunt, Mrs. Mustain, was formerly a Jones. She in turn had heard her father speak of his brother, Francis Miniter. It was easy then to piece together the Cedar County court records with her memories.

There are eight short biographies in this book. In addition to the biographies of W. H. Jones and his wife, are included those of his parents and hers. There is one of Thomas Jones as his story is so colorful. The narrative of the death of Roscoe Jones was written because it made a profound impression on my early childhood, and because there are garbled versions of it in the family.

Many genealogies are nothing but a dry collection of statistics. Here an effort is made to record some personality traits of the family members. Mentioned are the human weaknesses as well as the strengths of our ancestors. They seem to balance and give us pictures of well-rounded individuals.

This compilation represents the cooperative efforts of all who contributed information. The early history of the Jones family was obtained from the records of Cedar County, Missouri and Johnson County, Arkansas. Mrs. J. O. Hammons of Fair Play, Missouri, assisted in securing the more recent material on the family in that state. The original entries in the Jones, Sweaney and Sykes Bibles were copied. Minnie Emmert has the Jones Bible, Carl Jones, the Sweaney Bible, and I have the Sykes Bible. Many personal interviews were held with Grandma Williams (Clementine Sweaney), Grandma Jones (Eliza Jane Sykes), Aunt Minnie (Minnie Belle Jones), my mother (Mary Wear Jones), my father (James William Jones), my uncle Ralph Jones and his wife Aunt Myra (Myra Cravens Jones), and my uncle Carl Jones and his wife Aunt Mary (Mary Carroll Jones). My cousins and siblings all assisted.

Since we know nothing of Thomas Jones before he came to Missouri, it would add to our knowledge if we knew where he and Cordelia came from, and who their parents were. It would be fascinating to write a genealogy on all their descendants who by now are probably scattered all over the United States. However, genealogies may be started but can never be finished; people die, children are born to replace them, and there never seems to be a stopping place. I sincerely hope that someone will continue to keep a record of the Jones Family.

The numerical system of identification used in the body

of this genealogy is fairly easy to follow after a brief examination. The term "ex" means "out of" and indicates the parents. "Issue" of course refers to the children. The abbreviation "b" means born, "m" married, and "d" died. The statistics used were gathered over a long period of time and must contain some mistakes. Although a few of my cousins have changed their first names, I have endeavored to use the names given at birth. Mistakes in the spelling of so many proper names is inevitable. The home addresses are given only as reference points and may not be currently correct. Occupations listed are to be considered only as generally descriptive. Those of the women are not to be taken literally as some were skilled and worked for a time before turning to a career of home-making. The sons of Grandpa Jones (W. H. Jones) engaged in numerous business enterprises revolving around the cotton industry.


A man may live, have children, work hard, advance civilization, and yet will soon become a fleeting memory that rapidly fades away. We have a natural desire to leave something to posterity, something that may prolong these memories for a little while.

This book is my bequest to those who follow ---

My footprints on the sands of time.

Olga Jones Edwards

June 1, 1957



THE JONES FAMILY

Thomas Jones, the founder of this family, migrated from Tennessee to Missouri in the early 1800's. He must have lived in Missouri many years before he left his prosperous farm where he owned a great deal of land to go west and seek for gold. His family at that time was large and he had both married children and infants. We do not know the date he left for California or the date he was killed. There was no will and an administrator was appointed April 1, 1850. It is not known if news of his father's death ever reached his son, Francis Minter Jones, who had left Missouri prior to 1848. There is no record that he shared in the estate. We know that F. M. Jones was in Arkansas in 1848, for he obtained a divorce in Johnson County from his wife, Missouri Ann whom he had left at home in Missouri. Francis Minter Jones then married Clementine Sweaney and they had one child, William Henry Jones, who was born in Arkansas and made it his home throughout his lifetime. His mother was a widow during most of his childhood, although she remarried three times only to be widowed shortly after each marriage. By her third husband she had James Farmer, giving W. H. Jones a half brother.

During the war between the states W. H. Jones was only a lad. He lived where people suffered not so much from actual battle conditions as from the lawless element in the community which changed its political views when convenient in order to prey on others. These turncoats stole, tortured, burned, and killed. By some they were called renegades, by others bushwhackers. Then after the famine and privations of war, he lived through the rule of the carpet-baggers who, although he had been too young to fight, would not let him vote. His childhood home was a log cabin but he did not in any way feel deprived. It was a frontier area and his home and economic posi-

tion was equal to that of his neighbors. At the age of sixteen, he married Eliza Sykes and they reared to maturity four sons, Roland, Will, Ralph, and Carl. Their eldest was a daughter, Minnie. These children were all born at Patterson's Bluff, Arkansas, a small town on the Arkansas River. Its business was lost when the river changed its course leaving the town inland. Now only a few fallen stones in a cow pasture indicate the cemetery, the last vestige of the once thriving community. With the decline of Patterson's Bluff, the family moved to Prairie View nearby where Grandpa (W. H. Jones) worked in a dry goods store.

The following was written of him about 1889:

"Among the prominent business houses of Prairie View, one deserving of special mention in connection with the dry goods line is that conducted by W. H. Jones who notwithstanding the fact that he takes a lively interest in all public affairs is at the same time a conservative man. He is a native born resident of this county, his birth occurring in 1853, and is the son of F. M. and C. L. (Swiney) Jones, the father born in Missouri and the mother in Tennessee. W. H. Jones attained his growth in his native county and secured a good practical education in the common schools. At the age of twelve years he started out for himself and has been engaged in merchandising the principal part of the time since. He is now the owner of a stock of goods valued at \$5,000 to \$6,000 and by his pleasant agreeable manners has built up a good trade. He also owns considerable real estate and a summer residence on one of the peaks of the famous Magazine Mountain. Bear Wallow Springs are located here which with the healthful climate and beautiful scenery makes it a delightful retreat. His wife who was formerly Miss Eliza J. Sykes and who was the daughter of Robert J. Sykes and E. Sykes bore him the following children: Minnie B., Clementine O., Henry Arnold, Roland V., James W., Ralph O., and Robert C., of whom Clementine O. and Arnold are deceased. Mrs. Jones was born in Tennessee, in 1853 and moved with her parents to Kentucky when a child. In 1868 she came to Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are esteemed members of the Christian Church as are also the children, and in politics, Mr. Jones is a democrat."

The family moved to Paris, Arkansas about 1900 and there W. H. Jones began his expansion in business. His children grew up and married. Minnie married Matt Foster and they moved to St. Louis where their three older daughters, Hilda, Edith and Izetta were born. The family often visited her there and had a taste of city life. Matt Foster worked for the postal service and prior to 1909 moved to Little Rock, Arkansas where Marian the youngest daughter was born. The girls grew up there and were married. In his middle age, Uncle Matt retired and for several years he and Aunt Minnie traveled during the summer. Eventually he had a stroke while in Little Rock. When he was well enough to be moved he was taken to his daughter Hilda's home in Oklahoma City. He was bedridden a number of years before his death. After her husband's death Aunt Minnie called Hilda's house "home" but she traveled extensively, often visiting Izetta who lived in California, and spent many months at Mineral Wells, Texas where she took the baths. She visited all of her relatives, spent a lot of time in Little Rock with her daughters Edith and Marion, and almost every summer spent some time in Fayetteville.

Roland Jones, the eldest son, died when only 34 leaving his widow DoSe Jones and young daughter, Lucille. For a time, DoSe Jones owned a millinery shop in Paris. When older, she married Mr. T. B. Hairston. Lucille became a career girl and for a number of years has worked for the County Education Department. She is the only family member living in Paris.

Ralph, Will, and Carl early became associated with their father in business. In 1908, Ralph and Will went with their father to California looking for a new location but deciding against this returned to Arkansas and moved from Paris to Atkins. There they engaged in various enterprises until the death of W. H. Jones. Will at that time was managing the Kewanee Gin Company which he owned in partnership with his father. After his father's death, he sold the gin and put in another at Clarksdale, Mississippi. Carl and Ralph remained in charge of the business in Atkins. This was gradually liquidated and for a time Carl owned a gin at Clarksdale. He did not give up his home in Atkins and after a few years sold the gin and returned home. His daughters, Hilda, Margaret, and Elizabeth, all married and left Atkins. Now he is retired and still living in Atkins. Uncle Ralph was still associated with business when he died in 1942. His daughters Minnie and Jerald were living in Atkins. Minnie's husband was with the Light and Power Company and Jerald's husband was associated in business with Uncle Ralph. Several years after Ralph's death, Jerald and her husband left Atkins.

They now live in California. At the time this is written, only Uncle Carl and Aunt Mary, and Cousin Minnie and her husband, Irwin Emmert still live in Atkins.

When W. H. Jones died the following was printed by the Atkins Chronical:

"Death has taken from us one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, W. H. Jones. He had pneumonia and while loving hands administered and did all in their power to keep him with us, the end came peacefully Friday morning, February 15, 1929, at 1:30 o'clock.

Twenty years ago next August, W. H. Jones and wife and his three sons, Will, Ralph and Carl Jones and their families came to Atkins from Paris, Arkansas. It was soon found that the Jones people were real assets to our community and for these 20 years, W. H. Jones has been recognized as a masterful business man. His success in business was due to hard work and that happy faculty of knowing people and appreciating their friendship. His life has been an inspiration to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him personally. He probably did more for the upbuilding of Atkins and community in the past twenty years than any other citizen. He organized the Atkins Electric Light and Power Company and was president of the company since its organization. He was senior member of the W. H.; R. O. Jones and Company mercantile firm and the prime mover in the organization of the local ice plant and bottling works. He was also associated with his son, Will Jones in the Kewanee Gin Company of Kewanee, Missouri.

Mr. Jones was born January 8, 1853. His father died and left him at an early age to assume the responsibilities of life, but he was fearless and courageous and never too busy to help his fellow man. He believed in the upbuilding in his community and his life was always a busy one. He had been a member of the Christian Church for years and was always loyal to his faith, having attended services both morning and evening on Sunday before his fatal sickness, in spite of the inclement weather.

Besides his dear wife, he leaves three sons, and one daughter who mourn his loss greatly. They are

Ralph and Carl Jones of Atkins, Will Jones, Jr., of Kewanee, Missouri, and Mrs. J. M. Foster of Little Rock. He also leaves fourteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. An only brother, J. D. Farmer, of St. Louis, Missouri, survives him and was present at his funeral. The large concourse of friends and the many beautiful floral offerings show that he was held in high esteem by all those that he associated with.

Funeral services were held at the residence Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. C. Dawson of Conway, assisted by Rev. J. B. Stevenson of Atkins, also Honorable Steele Hays of Russellville added to the service by giving a tribute of love and respect to Mr. Jones whom he had known and associated with all his life. He was laid to rest in the city cemetery with the Masonic Rites, having been a Charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Prairie View, Logan County, Arkansas. He was the last one of their members to depart this life.

As a tribute of respect all business houses in Atkins closed for the funeral Saturday afternoon."

After the burial of their father, the children discovered there was no will. In view of this, the widow retained one-third of the estate and the rest was divided. Instead of leaving their inheritance jointly invested they all wished now to be independent of each other. Some businesses were sold and others divided. The sound business philosophy of a family enterprise where the profits were returned for expansion was forgotten. W. H. Jones believed in industries where invested money created jobs and products and for that reason did not buy real estate. He boasted that neither he nor his sons had worked for wages but had worked for themselves.

Grandma Jones was lost when Grandpa died and lived only two years more. "Rindy" the Studebaker car sat unused in the garage. This was the time she indulged in small extravagances but nothing eased the loneliness. Grandma's share of the estate at her death was divided according to her will. The businesses were left to the boys but she wished the furniture, books, quilts and jewelry divided among all her children and grandchildren.

Now this family as a group began to break up and new families were formed. Grandchildren had married and his daughter and sons now had families of their own.

JONES GENEALOGY

1. Francis (Frank) Minitter Jones, a tanner and cobbler by trade, son of Thomas Jones and Cordelia McNary (see Appendix I) born in Tenn., grew up in Bear Creek, Mo., died of pneumonia Dec. 6, 1853 in Arkansas. Married 1st Missouri Ann whom he divorced June 12, 1848 for desertion. Married 2nd between June, 1848 and April, 1852 in Johnson Co., Ark., Clementine Love Sweaney b January 11, 1830, Chattanooga, Tenn. d June 4, 1920 Atkins, Ark., of a stroke. Daughter of William (Billie) Sweaney and Zelphia Price (see Appendix II). Issue: By his 1st marriage to Missouri Ann, Francis M. Jones had Adeline Jones, see 29; by his 2nd marriage to Clementine Love Sweaney, Francis M. Jones had William Henry Jones, see 2.
2. William Henry Jones, *ex 1, business man, b Jan. 8, 1853, Patterson's Bluff, Ark., died Feb. 15, 1929, Atkins, Ark., of pneumonia, m Aug. 20, 1869 Eliza Jane Sykes b Mar. 31, 1853, Tenn., d Mar. 14, 1931, Atkins, Ark., of hypertension, daughter of Elizabeth Gooden Crook and Robert Allen Sykes (see Appendix III). Issue: Minnie Belle Jones see 3; Roland Virgil Jones see 12; James William Jones see 14; Ralph Orlee Jones see 20; Robert Carl Jones see 24; Roscoe Franklin Jones b Dec. 27, 1891, d Sept. 26, 1904; Jordy Clemey Jones b Oct. 28, 1873, d Jan. 13, 1874; Henry Arnold Jones b Sept. 23, 1877, d Dec. 22, 1877; Angel son b and d Mar. 10, 1885.
* see. Memoirs of Western Arkansas.
3. Minnie Belle Pressy Elizabeth Love Jones, ex 2, b Nov. 25, 1871 Patterson's Bluff, Ark., d Aug. 19, 1951, Little Rock, Ark., heart attack. m June 19, 1892 Prairie View, Ark.

James Matt Foster, railway mail clerk, b Oct. 26, 1869 Ellsworth, Ark. d May 11, 1939, son of John W. Foster and Geneva Plunkett. Issue: Hildagard Jones Foster see 4; Edith Minette Foster see 5; Izetta Theodocia Foster see 9; Marian Hortense Foster see 11.

4. Hildagarde (Hilda) Foster, ex 3, b Mar. 1, 1894 St. Louis, Mo., m Apr. 8, 1914 Little Rock, Ark., Claud V. Schock, sales mgr. Karo Corn Products, b July 14, 1889 Defiance, Ohio, son of Charley Schock and Ida Hull, Adopted daughter: Claudette Schock b June 17, 1937 Memphis, Tenn. Home Address: 2315 South U Street, Fort Smith, Ark.
5. Edith Minette Foster, ex 3, concert pianist, b Jan. 16, 1896 St. Louis, Mo., m Oct. 30, 1918, Des Moines, Iowa, William Porter Hamilton, owner music store, b Aug. 25, 1886, Beech Grove, Tenn., son of Taylor Pat Hamilton and Sallie Norton. Issue: William Porter (W.P.) Hamilton, see 6; James Knox Hamilton, see 7; Robert Mattison Hamilton, see 8; Don Ralph Hamilton b Jan. 25, 1937, Little Rock, Ark. Home Address: 5315 Edgewood, Little Rock, Ark.
6. William Porter (W.P.) Hamilton, ex 5, Lawyer, b Dec. 14, 1919 Little Rock, Ark.; m Mar. 11, 1943, Maxine June Bulski b June 21, 1923 San Francisco, California, daughter of Edmund Joseph Bulski and Maud Douglas. Issue: Susan Ann Hamilton b Sept. 27, 1949, Little Rock, Ark; Catherine Anne Hamilton b Aug. 21, 1956. Home Address: 7301 Rockwood Road, Little Rock, Ark.
7. James Knox Hamilton, ex 5, music store, b Aug. 21, 1922. Little Rock, Ark., m June 1, 1952, Indianapolis, Ind., Jeane Ann Mussman b Mar. 26, 1925, daughter of D. W. Mussman and Pearl Jeannette Shockley. Issue: James Knox Hamilton, Jr., b Aug. 20, 1954; Martha Louisa Hamilton b Sept. 30, 1955. Home Address: Route 5, Box 318, Little Rock, Ark.
8. Robert Mattison Hamilton, ex 5, b July 4, 1927, Little Rock Ark., m Sept. 9, 1952, Little Rock, Ark., Audree Beverly b Nov. 29, 1926 daughter of Andrew and Gladys Beverly. Issue: Robert Mattison Hamilton, Jr., b Nov. 10, 1953; Lawrence Ross Hamilton b May 13, 1956.
9. Izetta Theodocia Foster, ex 3, b Sept. 5, 1897, St. Louis,

- Mo., m Sept. 13, 1917, Little Rock, Ark., Dana Clifton Lovejoy, tile business, b Aug. 30, 1897, St. Louis, Mo., son of Willis Arno Lovejoy and Gertrude Showman. Issue: Dana Clifton Lovejoy, Jr. see 10. Home Address: 520 West Ellis, Inglewood, California.
10. Dana Clifton Lovejoy, ex 9, Adv. Mgr. Baroids Products Co., b Mar. 25, 1921, Fullerton Calif., m May 2, 1943, South Pasadena, Calif., Winifred Lorraine Atckison b Dec. 29, 1920, Los Angeles, Calif., daughter of Edward James Atckison and Mary Grace Mathis. Home Address: 188 Cedar Crest, South Pasadena, Calif.
 11. Marian (Mary Ann) Hortense Foster, ex 3, secretary, b Nov. 12, 1909, Little Rock, Ark., m May 12, 1929, Benton Ark., William Graham Cobb, Insurance Mgr. Bank, b Sept. 11, 1906, Nimrod, Ark., son of Charles Graham Cobb and Ida Jane Huffaker. Issue: William Graham Cobb, Jr. b Apr. 19, 1944; adopted daughter Susan Lynn Cobb b Nov. 7, 1940, Memphis, Tenn. Home Address: 210 McMillan Trail, Little Rock, Ark.
 12. Roland Virgil (Bud) Jones, ex 2, bookkeeper, b Jan. 25, 1875, Patterson's Bluff, Ark., d Jan. 27, 1909 of pneumonia, m May 23, 1900, Dardanelle, Ark., DoSe Chitwood, b June 18, 1876, d Sept. 24, 1953, Paris Ark., daughter of John Grundy Chitwood and Mattie Josephine Bennett. Issue: Lucille Jones, see 13.
 13. Lucille Jones, ex 12, secretary, b April 29, 1902, Prairie View, Ark., m June 30, 1929, Paris, Ark., Elvin Whorton. Divorced, Dec. 3, 1936. No issue. Home Address: Paris, Arkansas.
 14. James William (Bill) Jones ex 2, cotton gin owner and planter, b Aug. 9, 1879, Prairie View, Ark., d Apr. 7, 1949, of a heart attack, Memphis, Tenn. (Death certificate lists name as William Henry Jones. He always used the name of Will Jones, Jr.). m Oct. 28, 1902, Paris, Ark., Mary Wear*, b Mar. 9, 1881, Paris, Ark., d Dec. 22, 1950 of a stroke, Memphis, Tenn. Daughter of Lavater Wear and Martha Jane Myers. Issue: Rapha Olga Jones, see 15; James William Jones, see 17; Harrold Byron Jones, see 18; Lora Love Jones, see 19.

* see Lyle Family by Oscar K. Lyle, pub. by Lecouver

Press, 51 Vesey St., N.Y.C. 1912.

15. Rapha Olga Jones, ex 14, social worker, b Aug. 23, 1903, Paris Ark., m. Oct. 5, 1921, Farmington, Ark., James (Arthur) Franklin Trail Jr., Contractor, b Mar. 7, 1897, De Leon, Texas, son of James Franklin Trail and Maggie Lee Gardenheir. Divorced Aug. 8, 1950. Married 2nd Oct. 2, 1953, American Lake, Washington, Oliver Thomas Edwards, biologist, b May 31, 1909 Spokane, Wash., son of Nellie Mae Norris and James Oliver Edwards. By her first marriage Olga Jones had one child; Gloria Olga Trail, see 16. Home Address: 525 Lake Louise Drive S.W., Tacoma 99, Washington.
16. Gloria Olga Trail, ex 15, social worker, b Aug. 2, 1927, Fayetteville, Ark., m. Aug. 30, 1947, John Stuart Exall V, Electrical Engineer, b July 15, 1920, Little Rock, Ark., son of John Stuart Exall IV, and Mary Leopold O'Beid. Issue: John Stuart Exall VI, b Aug. 5, 1951, Hot Springs, Ark.; William Blair Exall b June 21, 1955, Arkadelphia, Ark. Home Address: 1502 West Walnut, Arkadelphia, Ark.
17. James William Jones, ex 14, dentist, b Aug. 22, 1906, Paris Ark., m. Dec. 21, 1934, Macon, Miss., Ann Lofton bert*, b Dec. 19, 1913, Brooksville, Miss., daughter of William Moore Colbert and Sarah Virginia Cash. Issue: James William Jones III, b Mar. 11, 1943, Macon, Miss.; Colbert Wear Jones, b Apr. 2, 1946, Macon, Miss. Home Address: Macon, Miss.
* see Descendants of William Colbert by Kathrine and William Colbert, Journal Printing Co. Shreveport, La. 1956.
18. Harrold Byron Jones, ex 14, Agricultural Engineer, Cotton Specialist, b June 24, 1913, Atkins, Ark., m 1st June 24, 1937, Dorothy Vernon Harris b Aug. 5, 1915, divorced, no issue; m 2nd Feb. 15, 1948, Ruby Evelyn Godwin Hughes (Widow) b June 16, 1920, Shelby Co., Tenn. daughter of Charles Basil Godwin and Ora Bell Gray. Issue: Mary Godwin (Margo) Jones b Feb. 13, 1950; step-dau. Claire Allen Hughes, b Oct. 14, 1942. Home Address: 2772 Natchez Lane, Memphis, Tenn.
19. Lora Love Jones, ex 14, b July 13, 1916, Atkins, Ark., m. Sept. 28, 1938, Hernando, Miss., Sidney Johnson Strickland Jr., Sales Mgr. Proctor and Gamble, Co. b Feb. 12, 1915, Rosemark, Tenn., son of Sidney Johnson Strickland

and Agnes Louise Shore. Issue: Priscilla Love Strickland b Dec. 19, 1942, Clarksdale, Miss.; Sidney Johnson Strickland III, b Nov. 9, 1946. Home Address: 3403 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tenn.

20. Ralph Orlee Jones, ex 2, business man, b July 19, 1882, Prairie View, Ark., d Dec. 6, 1942, Atkins, Ark., of kidney disease. m Apr. 12, 1903, Prairie View, Ark., Myra Effalee Cravens Tygart (widow of Pres Tygart) b June 16, 1875, Blaine, Ark. d Feb. 17, 1953, daughter of Jerry Cravens and Sarah Utley. Issue: Minnie Leeola Jones see 21; Jerald Eliza Jones see 23; stepdaughter Mary Tygart m Forest Lemley. Home Address: Atkins, Ark.
21. Minnie Leeola Jones, ex 20, piano teacher, b Sept. 9, 1907, Paris, Ark. m July 3, 1928, Conway, Ark. Walter Irvin Emmert, Mgr., Light and Power Co., b Jan. 1, 1907, Atkins, Ark., son of George F. Emmert and Augie Stokes. Issue: Robert Irvin Emmert see 22. Home Address: Atkins, Ark.
22. Robert Irvin Emmert, ex 21, atomic engineer, b Aug. 17, 1931, Atkins, Ark., m Aug. 24, 1952, Ruth Worsham, daughter of Mrs. Audrey Worsham. Issue: Gregory Scott Emmert b Oct. 12, 1955.
23. Jerald Eliza Jones, ex 20, b Nov. 2, 1910, Atkins, Ark., m Nov. 27, 1932, Conway, Ark. Harry Lester Odom, trucking business, b Sept. 29, 1913, Woodbury, Tenn., son of Joe Sam Odom and Viola Munnenlax. Issue: Ralph Lee Odom b May 1, 1934; Harriett Jane Odom b Jan. 6, 1942, Atkins, Ark.
24. Robert Carl Jones, ex 2, cotton gin owner, b Dec. 24, 1886, Prairie View, Ark. m May 7, 1907, Paris, Ark. Mary Elizabeth Carroll b Nov. 10, 1888, Arbuckles Island, daughter of John Arbuckle Carroll and Margaret Regenia Ermann. Issue: Hilda Gayle Jones see 25; Margaret Eliza Jones see 26; Freda Elizabeth Jones see 28. Home Address: Atkins, Arkansas.
25. Hilda Gayle Jones, ex 24, b Mar. 13, 1909 Paris, Ark., m Mar. 26, 1932, Atkins, Ark. Rimmel Karl Coxsey, Tax Accountant, b Jan. 17, 1910, Green Forest, Ark., d May 9, 1952, Atkins, Ark., son of George William Coxsey and Ona

- McCracken. Issue: Robert Karl Coxsey b Mar. 24, 1936, Tulsa, Okla.
26. Margaret Eliza Jones, ex 24, concert violinist, b May 31, 1911, Atkins, Ark. m Apr. 16, 1933, Marion, Ark., Don Andrew Gardner, dentist, b Jan. 14, 1906, Russellville, Ark., son of Clarence Lucas Gardner and Julia Matthews. Issue: Donna Margaret Gardner see 27; Gerry Andrew Gardner b May 30, 1944. The children of Margaret Jones are said to be descendents of two signers of the Declaration of Independence: Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Penn. Home Address: Union City, Tenn.
27. Donna Margaret Gardner, ex 26, musician, b Nov. 30, 1935 Union City, Tenn., married Dec. 18, 1954, Edwin Bourne Crenshaw. Issue: Margaret Dawn Crenshaw b Oct. 18, 1955.
28. Freda Elizabeth Jones, ex 24, b May 27, 1918, Atkins, Ark. m Dec. 3, 1939, Atkins, Ark., Robert Hall Bruce, owner wholesale plumbing supply, b July 11, 1917, Ft. Smith, Ark. son of Bert Bruce and Claire Hall. Issue: Robert Bruce III b Jan. 8, 1944; David Jones Bruce b Oct. 16, 1947; Gay Lizanne Bruce b Jan. 6, 1957. Home Address: Fort Smith, Arkansas.
29. Adeline Jones, ex 1, b 1842, Bear Creek, Mo., reared in home of Loretta Jones Baker, m Mar. 13, 1871 Jim Hammons, died young at birth of her child. Issue: Laura Hammons, only child, see 30.
30. Laura Hammons, ex 29, reared by Granny Harper. m Hatton Rich. Issue: Anna Rich who married Roy Toller; Bill Rich; Bird Rich; Kenneth Rich.

THOMAS JONES

(Grandfather of W. H. Jones)

Thomas Jones, my great great grandfather, came from somewhere in Tennessee or Virginia to Missouri, Cedar County, prior to December 23, 1844. This is the date he first filed for land in that County. When he emigrated he was the father of grown children yet he was able to successfully transfer his roots to what was then a virgin country. The few facts and traditions we have reveal him to have been a business man, somewhat reckless and a lover of high adventure.

Rumors began drifting back in 1849, to this middle aged man, that gold was being found in the rivers of California. He was more than interested and, with two of his neighbors, began to plan what was to be his last journey. One can picture the three men as they sat by the fireplace and talked of the gold they would find. Thomas stipulated that they would not return until a certain wooden keg he owned was filled with gold, and they all agreed. There was a flurry of activity until their long train of ox carts and men on horseback left the valley farms.

Wagon trains concentrated near what is now Kansas City for the great trek West, and they were encamped there when Thomas overheard his partners plotting against him. During the wait for more trains to gather he returned to his home and told his wife of the incident. He said he could take care of himself and visited a day or so with the family before he returned to the camp and his wagons loaded with goods. He had left home with slaves driving twenty ox-loads of bacon and ham. One can surmise that he intended trading these provisions.

With him on his trip West, Thomas Jones took his sixteen year-old son John, who sickened and died of yellow fever on the trail and was buried on the plains. While the family were still sorrowing over the death of John word came back, by re-

turning travelers, that Thomas was also dead. He had been shot accidentally, so it was reported, while hunting squirrels.

Mart, Jack, and Nelson Jones, older sons, went to California to try and find what had happened to their father. Acquaintances told them that the three partners had gathered one half the keg of gold when the two neighbors wished to return home. Thomas held them to their pact - a full keg. They quarreled, and shortly after this he was shot. The boys learned nothing more. The partners were never located. The grave was never found.

During the years he lived in Missouri, Thomas Jones resided on a large, well-equipped farm where he made his own machinery for his mill and still house. He acquired a lot of land. We know that at his death he owned 1,760 acres and it is probable that he had more. His original home on the Cedar River is still called the Jones Plantation.

The probate records show that at his death, this land was divided into eleven portions, suggesting that there were ten children and the widow who survived. John, who was only a boy, had died without heirs. According to the court proceedings, the children sold their shares to each other as well as to outsiders. John C. Phillips, the husband of Aseneth Jones, bought out some of the heirs and was curator for several of the minor children. The home place consisted of two parcels of land containing 160 acres each. These were the N.W. 1/4 of Section 14, Township 34, Range 25 and the S.W. 1/4 of Section 10, Township 34, Range 25 in Cedar County, Missouri.

Absolem Baker was appointed curator for Adeline Jones when her father, Francis M. Jones, died and J. C. Phillips was appointed for W. H. Jones.

The widow of Thomas Jones, Cordelia, remarried on January 13, 1853. Her second husband was Michael Worldy. Years later Cordelia's youngest daughter Barthenia, married Andrew Worldy who was the son of Michael.

Mrs. Tennessee Jones Mustain told me the story of her great grandfather Thomas Jones. She had heard it from her father, Daniel Jones, who was two years old when Thomas died. Daniel's father, Nelson McNary Jones, had often talked of the ill-fated trip to California.

We are not certain that Cordelia's maiden name was McNary but Mrs. Mustain was quite sure that her grandfather bore the name of his mother.

When questioned about family characteristics, Mrs. Mustain said that the Jones' descendants are mechanically inclined, hard headed, and money makers.

FRANCIS MINITER JONES

(Father of W. H. Jones)

Out of the shadowy past looms the figure of my Great Grandfather, Francis Miniter Jones, sitting on a black horse at the edge of a clearing where a camp meeting is in progress. How little I know about him and yet I talked at length with Great Grandmother Williams (his wife, Clementine Sweaney) about him. Her answers were vague but I must remember that even she knew him for only a period of a few years.

The only facts I know are these: He divorced his first wife, Missouri Ann Jones, for desertion, in Clarksville, Arkansas, on June 12, 1848. He was the son of Thomas and Cordelia Jones of Bear Creek, Mo. He was a tanner and cobbler by trade. He was the father of Adeline Jones by his first marriage and of William Henry Jones (my Grandfather) by his second marriage. He died while married to my Great Grandmother, on December 6, 1853, of pneumonia.

Court records in Cedar County, Mo. verify his parents and that he died leaving his minor children Adeline and William Henry. Court records in Clarksville, Arkansas, record his divorce to Missouri Ann. Grandma Williams' Bible enters his death date and its cause.

Great Grandmother said Francis Miniter Jones had been on a trip to Texas to buy mules and was on his way back to Missouri when he saw her singing in the choir at camp meeting. He made her acquaintance and they were later married.

It is the personality of this Great Grandfather that eludes me. He never told his second wife that he had been divorced and she died believing that he was a widower when they were married.

There is a possibility that he was forced into this deception because Great Grandmother probably would not have mar-

ried a divorced man. There was a period of five years between his divorce and death. At the time of his death his son, William Henry, was only a year old. Although I do not know the date Francis Miniter Jones married his second wife, Clementine, I have always assumed that they had been married only two years. I also thought he was a stranger in the County when he met Great Grandmother, but this leaves three years unaccounted for. Perhaps he had friends in Clarksville and had secured his divorce prior to his trip to Texas for mules, or perhaps he was married several years to Clementine before their son was born.

While I was searching the records in Clarksville, Arkansas, I found in the Criminal Court proceedings that a certain Francis Jones had been arrested for carrying a pistol. I did not make a note of the date since there was no initial given but it was between the time Francis M. Jones secured his divorce and when I think married Clementine. I wish I knew that this man was my Great Grandfather. It would make him more human. As it stands, Francis Miniter Jones is a man sitting on a black horse. He made no lasting contribution to society, nor left traditions behind him, but he did give the world his son, W. H. Jones, who was a benefactor to his era.

CLEMENTINE LOVE SWEANEY

(Mother of W. H. Jones)

I was a young child when I first became aware of this Grandmother. All her grandchildren called her "Grandma Williams" as Burton Williams was her last husband.

One of my first memories is that of seeing Grandma Williams and my other great Grandmother, Grandma Sykes, seated on each side of the fireplace exchanging stories of the long ago. Grandma Williams was dressed in black silk and Grandma Sykes, in black calico. I listened to their stories, and since they were old, they took time to answer the questions of an inquisitive child. By the time I was ten, I was taking childish notes when Grandma Williams told me stories.

Clementine Love Sweaney was born Jan. 11, 1830, near Chattanooga, Tenn. She was the daughter of William Sweaney and Zelphia Price. She grew up in Tennessee with her brothers and sisters and came to Arkansas with her family.

Grandma described the camp meetings of that period which were the high lights of the year. They took place after the "crops were laid by." Grandma, unlike her victorian daughter-in-law, Grandma Jones, called a spade a spade even when talking to her small great granddaughter. She said, "There was a bunch of woods colts about nine months after meeting time." I wanted to know about the fashions of the day and was told, "Gals wore their skirts so tight across their stomach you could see their navel."

When Grandma was a young girl, long before the Civil War, she and her boy friend rode their horses up the steep, rocky trail to the top of Lookout Mt. for a Sunday picnic. They went alone and their parents did not disapprove. She mentioned the high wind while they were eating lunch. There were no houses and not even a shack on the mountain at that time.

Grandma told me only one other incident of her life in Tennessee. This story is somewhat vague because I did not then understand it. At that time Grandma's parents were renters on a farm. It seems that the landlord's son had evil intentions toward Grandma who was growing up. One day he learned that the object of his desire was alone so he went to her home for no good purpose. When Grandma saw him enter the gate she locked the front door. He, being a persistent person, went toward the back door. She sped through the house and was just in time to lock that door. Grandma didn't explain why he didn't try the windows. Instead, he sat all day on the porch pleading with her to let him in. Eventually he left. When told this, I could picture Grandma cowering behind that locked door determined to preserve her virtue unto death. I did not think of her majestic size or unlimited courage. She would have been a match for any landlord's son.

Grandma Williams came with her parents to Arkansas while she was still in her teens. She was singing in the choir at camp meeting when she was noticed by Francis Miniter Jones who was sitting on his black horse in the rear of the crowd. He was on his way back to Missouri after selling a drove of mules in Texas. He never returned to Missouri but married Grandma about 1850, in Johnson Co., Arkansas, and remained there. She thought he was widower and died never knowing he had divorced his first wife. They had one son, William Henry Jones, who was born Jan. 8, 1853. On Dec. 6, 1853, Francis Miniter Jones died of pneumonia.

Grandma Williams was now a widow with a son eleven months old. She returned to the home of her mother and did seasonal work. Times were hard, and on Nov. 4, 1858, Grandma married Right Lee. When asked how many times she had married she omitted this one until pressed, because she had been influenced by others into taking this step.

Mr. Lee had no relatives and was dying of tuberculosis. However, he thought he was going to recover. Friends mentioned that he had "a little money." Grandma felt guilty about this marriage and discussed it reluctantly. He died three months after the wedding. She neglected to say how much money he left but it must have been a small sum.

Grandma Williams married James D. Farmer about a year before their son, Jim was born on Jan. 4, 1863. This was the Civil War period and Grandpa Farmer was a Confederate soldier.

At one time Grandpa Farmer slipped home to see his wife. When the bushwhackers approached the house Grandma

hastily hid Grandpa between the feather bed and the straw tick. They were unable to find him and he went back to his lines. The renegades heard of Grandma's ruse and came back to the house. They emptied the feather beds to the wind and threw filth in the well. Another time they came shortly after she had managed to get some sweet potatoes from Dardenelle. As the men made a move toward the fireplace, Grandma, who had been spinning, said, "The first man that touches that pot, I'll run a spindle through him." Later, Grandpa Farmer became ill with small-pox and came home where he died Aug. 25, 1865. Grandma tried unsuccessfully to obtain a Confederate widow's pension because the records did not show his death in service although he contracted the disease while on duty.

It is difficult to understand how Grandma Williams reared her children. She was again a widow, but her eldest son, my Grandfather Jones, was twelve and operating his own ferry across the river. She said she had to work hard and that the boys helped as soon as they were old enough. She always had a garden and a few chickens. Her most difficult period seems to have been at the close of the war, probably just after Grandpa Farmer died.

Grandma told me two incidents of the war that I remember vividly. She told how she, with neighbors, hid under the bluff at Dardanelle (then Norristown) during the shelling of that town by boats on the river. She also told me that she went to Little Rock through the blockade and returned on the stage with provisions for her little family tied in small bundles to the hoops inside her skirt.

For many years Grandma lived a widow, but after her sons were married she too, married again. Her fourth husband was Burton Williams, a Methodist Circuit-rider. As a preacher's wife, Grandma took her religion seriously. For a time this husband was the pastor at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Grandma liked to talk of this unique village where the front door of her house was on the third floor because the house was built on a steep hill. Burton Williams died Nov. 20, 1899. After his death Grandma drew a small pension from the Methodist Conference.

As an old lady Grandma was large and stooped. She was never fat but had a big frame. She lived in an apartment attached to the home of my Grandfather Jones. She was devoted to her two sons and made frequent trips to St. Louis to visit "Jimmie", my great uncle, James Farmer.

Grandma's eccentricities were many. She loved cats and always had one around. She enjoyed eating and liked a lot

of salt on her food. After a meal she would say, "I had two bites of this, and three bites of that."

All of Grandma's day was systematized. She read a chapter in the Bible everyday. After lunch she took a nap. At regular intervals she smoked her small clay pipe. Her home grown tobacco was mixed with dried sumac leaves. The leaves looked cherry red drying in the autumn sun on her porch. This tobacco mixture was kept in a tin box painted to simulate a basket.

When Grandma Williams was going through the menopause she suffered a great deal. Some physician prescribed morphine for this condition and she became addicted to the drug. At that time there was no Federal restriction on the sale of morphine and there was no social stigma attached to its use. Grandma who was temperate in all things took one dose of this powder each day, just after the noon meal and before her nap. I've often heard her say, "I only take what will rest on the tip of a silver knife." By the time I knew of this, the practice was frowned upon by the family and I was instructed never to tell anyone of Grandma's medicine.

Grandma's night time ritual was elaborate. She read a few verses from the Bible aloud, then sang two hymns in her quavering, yet musical voice. Afterward, she bathed her entire body, and her big hand covered with a wash cloth reached all of her back. Then she prayed aloud and her prayers could be heard in the street. In praying for the relatives, she called them each by name, much to the embarrassment of her great grandchildren.

After this full and eventful life, Grandma had a stroke. She lingered for about three months and finally it was discovered that although she could not communicate by speech, she could still write. Often she would laugh at her own garbled language.

Grandma Williams died June 4, 1920, in Atkins, Arkansas and is buried in the cemetery there. The place where she sleeps is apart from the Jones' lot, and she is the only one buried on that plot. Even in death she is a widow and no man is beside her.

WILLIAM HENRY JONES

William Henry Jones, son of Francis M. Jones and Clementine Love Sweaney was born Jan. 8, 1853, at Patterson's Bluff, Arkansas. His father died when he was a year old and he was very young when he began assuming responsibilities. He attended public schools in the community and although he did not continue formal education after he was fifteen, he obtained the equivalent of a college education by private study.

When my Grandfather Jones was twelve years of age, he was operating his own ferry over the Arkansas river, a large log raft skillfully constructed. This was during the war between the states, and he was making money taking the soldiers across. One day he ferried a group of Yankee soldiers across the river. They refused to pay him and when he protested they cut the silver buttons off his coat and tore up the raft. In answer to my question, "What did you do then, Grandpa?" he replied, "Walked down the river, found the logs, and rebuilt the raft, of course." I think this statement typifies his character.

During part of the war, Grandpa's family lived in Dardanelle, Arkansas. They were there when the Federals shelled the city, and during a cold night hid under a bluff. During this period, in spite of his youth, Grandpa went with a party of men to Texas to obtain salt for the community.

Fleeing from the fighting they went to Du Vall's Bluff where the family first met Bill Cravens who was to be a lifelong friend. They then moved back to Patterson's Bluff and the first year Grandpa farmed and took a load of "hoop poles" to New Orleans.

In 1868 the Sykes' family moved to Arkansas and Grandpa Jones was, by accident, at the boat landing. He was riding and had his dog, Ringwood, with him. He was the first man, Eliza Sykes, my future Grandmother saw in Arkansas. She was

prepared to be very aloof to these "Westerners". She was very aware of her pretty clothes and had been upset over the move from Bowling Green, Kentucky, to the wilds of Arkansas. But she noticed Grandpa and said later, "He was big and handsome and a man at fifteen." He rode by her wagon on the way to their new home. Love followed and marriage was only months away. They remained lovers until he died. Still in existence is a poem Grandpa wrote Grandma after they had been married many years in which he puts in verse his complete satisfaction with his marriage.

Grandpa and Grandma Jones were married in 1869 and Mr. Cravens, their friend, not only gave them an oak dining table as a wedding gift, but also gave Grandpa a job as clerk in his dry goods store at \$3 per week. About this time Grandpa received \$500 from his father's estate. This money was saved and Grandpa continued working for Mr. Cravens in Patterson's Bluff. In 1880 Cravens opened a new store in Prairie View, and Grandpa was in charge until Mr. Cravens died in 1890. At that time by using his inheritance and savings Grandpa bought the two stores. For a time Frank Gautney was associated with him in this business.

W. H. Jones was now a prominent business man and well known throughout the county. His friends elected him County Clerk of Logan County, Arkansas. Now the stores in Prairie View were sold and the family moved to the county seat in Paris. He did not remain in politics long and soon had a store in Paris. With other associates, he built a cotton seed oil mill there.

New methods of doing things and the future were of importance to Grandpa. He owned the first telephone line in Logan County, a mutual line from Prairie View to Clarksville, Arkansas. There were five telephones on the line and no exchange. His buggy was the first in the county and although old man Henry Towery owned the first surrey in 1887, he bought the second. While County Clerk, he bought the first adding machine and ledger typewriter. At his home he installed a new kind of pump that was supposed to aerate and purify the water. In his later years he built a round bale cotton gin in Atkins, Arkansas but this type of bale never became popular. When electricity began to be recognized as the coming source of energy, he organized and put in the Atkins Electric Light and Power Company. The family owned the controlling interest until after his death. With the idea of expansion ever before him, he was always looking for new locations.

Grandpa sold all business interests in Arkansas in 1908, and with his sons Will, Ralph, and their families, went to Cali-

fornia to re-invest in that state. He considered buying land near Los Angeles in a district that is now in the city. After a year of looking over the country, he returned to Arkansas and settled in Atkins.

It was in August 1909, that Grandpa Jones moved to Atkins, Arkansas. He first established the W.H.R.O. Jones and Co. mercantile firm and then built the light plant. Later came the cotton gin, the ice plant, and the bottling works. It was fun to visit the ice plant and have all the cold pop one wanted because "we" owned it.

If Grandpa Jones had lived long enough and carried out his original intentions, he would have built a large fortune. As it was he was very successful financially. During the Atkins period all his sons were partners in his enterprises. They, however, no matter how large the profit, drew in salary only \$45 per month each. Purchases at the store were deducted from this sum. At the end of the year all profits were calculated and re-invested. For many years there was one family car which the "boys" took turns using.

There was great security during this period although I was at least twelve before I learned (not from the family) that Grandpa was one of the wealthiest men in town. There was frustration too because we had to buy everything at "the store." The store had merchandise suitable for the country trade but Grandpa felt that the shoes he sold were good enough for us and he had no idea of allowing us to patronize his competitors even though their shoes were more stylish. None of us were stinted, however. We could buy as much as we wanted at the store, and during my adolescence I had more silk hose and underwear than my friends.

Grandpa merited respect. When his sons were thirty they asked permission to be out of town for the day. They asked his advice and followed it. He was kindly, but firm, and to his grandchildren he was supreme authority. I do not remember fearing him, but I would have perished rather than disobey or talk back to him. In answer to his questions, we said, "Sir?"

During their more than 50 years of married life, Grandpa and Grandma had many vacations. They held to the theory that a change of climate had therapeutic value. While living at Prairie View, they went almost every year to Colorado Springs during the summer. In winter they would go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the baths. While their children were small, they owned a summer home on Huckleberry Mountain near Prairie View, Arkansas. In his later years Grandpa was always making trips in his Studebaker car "Rindy" looking for new locations

It was on one of these trips that Grandpa decided that a cotton gin at Kewanee, Missouri would be a profitable venture. The Kewanee Gin Co. was a partnership with his son, James William Jones. It was his last new business.

On February 15, 1929, at 1:30 AM on Friday morning, Grandpa Jones died of pneumonia. Although 76 years old, he was still active in business and healthy before this fatal illness. His surviving children and fourteen grandchildren were at his home when the end came. A Christian minister officiated at the funeral, and Steele Hayes of Russellville, Arkansas, a lifelong friend, gave the address. He was buried with Masonic Rites at the cemetery in Atkins, Arkansas. As a token of respect the business houses of Atkins closed during the funeral.

ELIZA JANE SYKES

(Wife of W. H. Jones)

Eliza Jane Sykes was born March 31, 1853, in Tennessee. When a child she moved with the family to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and later to Arkansas. She always thought of herself as a native of Kentucky and loved songs of that state. In later years she often visited relatives there.

I asked Grandma what she remembered of the Civil War. Her sole memory was of the day when she and her cousin Dicy watched troops move down the road and prepare an overnight camp nearby. The family felt somewhat secure as the livestock were hidden in the woods but were afraid the green corn would be taken from the fields. Grandma and Dicy were sent to gather the roasting ears. They were about nine years old and deciding to be daring sang loudly so the soldiers could hear, "Roasted pumpkin and parched corn was what Old Bragg fed his soldiers on, three weeks ago."

The above incident probably occurred shortly after Braxton Bragg, a Confederate General was defeated at Perryville on October 8, 1862. The pursuit of Bragg, who was taking with him herds of horses, cattle, pigs and other booty, ended at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Grandma felt very superior to the natives when she arrived in Arkansas, and she and her sister were the only girls who had shoes on the first Sunday they attended church. By that time she had already met her future husband and it was not long before they were married. Although they were both but sixteen at the time, they were very much in love and this affection for each other did not waiver through the more than fifty years of married life.

I have a picture of Grandpa Jones made on his wedding day. It is unusual in that he stopped on his way to the wedding

and had his likeness preserved, holding his marriage license in one hand and the bouquet for the bride in the other. When I remarked regretfully to Grandma that she wasn't in the picture, she did not find fault with Grandpa. Everything "papa" did was all right. He was the Lord and Master of their household and Grandma, the helpmate. His word was law and he reciprocated by seeing that her wishes were fulfilled. I do not mean that she was overindulged for I have heard her mention things she would like and hear him deny her, but he saw that she always had household help, a summer home, and trips. If one of their children presumed to argue with her, he would boom out, "You heard your mother." Once, when they were old, I witnessed a revealing scene. We were having breakfast in a cafe and when Grandma ordered postum, the waitress said they did not have postum. Grandpa roared, "Then get it!" She did.

Grandpa and Grandma had several little rituals that were amusing. At noon Grandma would call the office and tell Grandpa that dinner was ready. She made this call about thirty minutes before the meal was ready. In ten minutes she would call again. Grandpa never left the office until the third call. He was always right on time for dinner.

When Roscoe, her youngest child, was killed, Grandma had a depression. I was too young to remember this tragedy but I heard relatives say it was about three years before she was herself again.

I loved Grandma more than anyone except my parents and in a way perhaps more because she never punished me. She was not a story-book Grandmother, as she was always interested in all that the young people were doing. She wanted to know which little boy claimed which little girl. There was always candy or cookies and you were not given something and told to run and play. We sat down in the parlor and talked as we nibbled. If I said I had the headache she let me sniff her smelling salts or camphor. Sometimes she gave me a bit of calamus root to chew on. In winter the room was very warm and in the summer we sat on a shady porch. I loved to hear her talk and give bits of advice: "If a man strays from home and the wife remains steadfast, he will soon get tired of wandering and return to his home." "After a woman has a baby she should always put baby first in her thoughts."

In spite of the fact that formal education ended with grade school, Grandma was well informed. She read a lot and listened to Grandpa. Her chief interest lay in the unusual and how she would have loved the study of psychology!

Grandma and Grandpa had nine children, and she enjoyed

telling about them. They were married two years before Aunt Minnie, their eldest, was born. She was a premature child and was born while Grandma Jones was visiting my Grandma Williams (her mother-in-law). When the child was several weeks old the sutures in her head came apart and Grandma Williams bound her head up and saved her life. Grandma Jones lost one little girl who died when three months old. The river was up so it was several days before they could take her across to the cemetery. She was hard as marble and Grandma always felt that she didn't decay but remained just as she was in her little casket.

The occult interested Grandma Jones. She read the articles in the Sunday supplements and wondered if it would be possible to return in spirit after death. She said that if after death consciousness remained and it were possible, she would contact me. We were very serious about it, but except for a few vivid dreams she has never come back.

Grandma Jones was about five feet tall. She wore lovely clothes and was always neat. After Grandpa's death she bought many things she had always intended buying. She had a great sense of humor and in the most serious situations, could see something amusing. Saving money was one of her hobbies and yet she spent it freely when she wished. She always "didn't want to break a bill" if she could help it. Grandma always managed to do nice things - a letter to a new baby - a birthday remembrance when you were on a trip. She kept clippings and all the cards she received.

My Grandma Jones did not want to be old and inactive and I am glad that death came to her swiftly. She called to her companion on the evening of March 14, 1931, while she was listening to a favorite radio program, and requested her to telephone the doctor. She was coughing up a little blood. A large blood vessel had ruptured in her chest and she died in a few minutes. At her funeral they sang "In a Land Where You Never Grow Old." I am sure all of her grandchildren felt as I did at her funeral, that we had lost a little of ourselves when she went away.

ROBERT M. SYKES

(Father of the wife of W. H. Jones)

Robert M. Sykes was born Mar. 5, 1830, near Chattanooga, Tenn. In Smith County, Tenn. in 1845, he married Elizabeth Gooden Crook. After they had a family they moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Grandpa Sykes was living there when the Civil War broke out. His friends were joining both sides. Grandpa didn't know which side to join and "besides he was agin war," especially if he had to fight in it. While he was making up his mind what to do he dug a deep and wide hole in the smoke-house and covered it with boards. When pressure increased, Grandpa settled down in the hole. He lived there a month and his wife was busy taking his meals to him. When his quarters grew cramped he took to the woods. This was his unlucky night for he ran into a military outpost and was captured by Morgan's Raiders who thought him to be a spy.

They had no extra horse so John Hunt Morgan took Grandpa behind him. For twenty miles they rode with Grandpa expecting death at the end of the ride. Fortunately they went too near a Union camp and in the skirmish that followed Grandpa got away. He recognized men on both sides and an eye witness later said that as he ran Grandpa shouted, "Run boys, run, I hear 'em cocking the cannon." Often after the war veterans would recount this with much glee to Grandpa's chagrin.

In 1868, Grandpa moved his family to Arkansas. They came on the Belle of Kentucky with their household goods, wagons, and stock on a flat boat. They went down the Ohio, then down the Mississippi, and up the Arkansas. They landed at Norristown (now Dardanelle, Ark.). He settled his family at Ellsworth.

Even in Arkansas Grandpa found life exciting. The car-

pet baggers had taken over and a number of men had been "red-inked," indicating they were not allowed to vote. Grandpa Sykes and his son-in-law, W. H. Jones (for Eliza, his daughter, was now married), together with Mr. Cravens, and Dr. Miller went to Clarksville to vote, only to find that they, too, had been "red-inked." This aroused their anger, and after getting drunk they engaged in a brawl with some of the townsmen who were Union sympathizers. They were getting the worst of the fight and were forced to swim the Arkansas river below Morrison's Bluff in order to get away. When they reached shallow water, Dr. Miller, overcome with fatigue and inebriation called to Mr. Cravens "I feel the cold, chilly waters of death around me." Mr. Cravens answered, "You'll get warm on the other side."

Coley Parks and Jim La Ferry were local carpet baggers. In addition, Parks was the bully and bad man of Ellsworth and always wore a gun. Grandpa Sykes at this time managed a store for a Mr. Councils. One day Parks came in the store and engaged in a political argument with Grandpa. The words flew between them and Grandpa shot Mr. Parks who fell to the floor. Then he ran to Mr. Councils who was not in the store and said, "I know I killed him for I never pulled the trigger until I felt his ribs with the muzzle of my gun." Grandpa was wrong. Parks wasn't killed, and in spite of the close quartered shooting, was not seriously hurt.

Robert M. Sykes was Irish and proud of it. He usually supported his family by farming. As a rule, he was a happy, jolly fellow, although there were times when he was irritable. No one liked a joke better than he. He always called his wife, "Woman." He told seriously but with a twinkle in his eye that when he proposed she accepted by saying, "Yes Sir, and thank you, too." Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. He was a Master Mason. At the table he would not allow bread to be cut but insisted it be broken. Although he did not often drink, there were times he drank to excess. He used tobacco freely and both smoked and chewed.

Robert M. Sykes died Aug. 20, 1896. There is a headstone at his grave in the cemetery at Prairie View, Arkansas where he is buried by the side of his wife. I visited this cemetery once with my father who remembered his Grandfather Sykes well. It was that afternoon he told me the incidents I have related.

ELIZABETH GOODEN CROOK

(Mother of the wife of W. H. Jones)

Grandma Sykes was a girl at one time, but to me she will always be a wrinkled, dried-up old lady in a white night-cap and a black dress. There were large veins on the backs of her hands and I could watch the blood pulsing in them. I was six years old then and she was visiting us in Paris, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Gooden Crook was born January 28, 1828, near Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Betsy Collier and Joseph Crook who came to Tennessee from North Carolina. Joseph Crook had taught in an academy in North Carolina but he became disgusted with formal education. The section of Tennessee to which he moved had no schools and he never taught Grandma Sykes to read and write.

In 1845 in Smith County, Tennessee, Elizabeth Gooden Crook married Robert M. Sykes. They had three children. After her husband died she lived most of the time with her married daughter, Eliza Sykes Jones.

Grandma Sykes told me she was related to General George Crook who was active in the Indian wars. Since General Crook was a contemporary of Grandma Sykes, I am inclined to believe he was a young uncle or a cousin of hers. He was on the boat when the Sykes family came to Arkansas and Grandma Jones (Eliza Jane Sykes) remembered his fine uniform and the fact that he held her baby sister in his arms and showed her to the other soldiers. Grandma Sykes said she was a descendent of General Price, but I do not know to which General Price she referred.

When Grandma Sykes visited us in Paris she would always say when the clock struck the hour, "Olgie, the clock is talking to you." During that period, Grandma was living among her children. She pitied herself and would say, "I am just a

poor old woman tossed about from pillar to post."

Near our house a railroad spur ran to a coal mine. All day cars would be switched back and forth. Grandma would look at the cars going by and say, "I wish I was on that train, I'd ride her till she stopped."

Grandma Sykes grew up in Tennessee. I remember two incidents I heard of her early life. It seems her father was a delicate man and he sent his young sons and Grandma Sykes to the water mill for meal and whiskey. On the way home the youngsters sucked on the corn cob with which the jug was stoppered. They arrived home very drunk.

When Grandma began going to dances, bustles were in style and she made one filled with wheat bran. While she was dancing, her brother stuck a knife in it and the bran spilled out. She never forgot it.

My last memory of Grandma Sykes was when I was led tiptoeing to see her on her death-bed. It was a large room and a big bed so she looked very small lying there. She died of pneumonia on January 12, 1912, in Atkins, Arkansas. Even in death she was carried from pillar to post, as the river was high and much difficulty was encountered before she was buried by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Prairie View, Arkansas.

ROSCOE JONES

(Youngest son of W. H. Jones)

Roscoe Franklin Jones was born December 27, 1891, and died September 26, 1904. He was only 12 years, and nine months old at the time of his death. His untimely demise was so traumatic that its indirect effect may even now be influencing the behavior of family members. Roscoe was shot between the eyes with a pistol. The Coroner called his death suicide.

Since he was the baby of the family, Roscoe was adored by all. His big brothers played with him and his parents indulged him. He is said to have been healthy, outgoing, all boy, and normal in every way. The summer prior to his death he was taken by his parents to the World Fair in St. Louis. When he came back, he asked for a bicycle. His father told him he could not have one at once but could have one later. He seemed only normally upset at the time. This is mentioned as it was one of the theories advanced for a suicide motive. On the afternoon of September 26, 1904, Grandma Jones (Roscoe's mother) and Grandma Williams (Roscoe's Grandmother), left home to attend the Ladies' Aid Society. On the way down the lane they met Roscoe coming home from school. He said he had the headache and had been excused from school. He was eating an apple and as he talked he walked over and placed it on a post. He asked his mother to return home with him. Since he did not appear to be ill she told him to go home and rest and that she would not be gone long. He left them and went on to the house. The Grandmothers had gone on only a short way when they heard three yells and a shot from the porch. They ran back and found Roscoe lying in front of the door in a pool of blood. The gun was several feet away from him. My mother (Mary Wear Jones) was living next door. She was bathing me when she heard the cries and the shot. She too ran to the house, wrapping a towel

around me. Grandma Jones arrived first and when Mother arrived, Grandma Jones was rubbing her hands over Roscoe and begging him to speak. She then washed her hands in the rain barrel. Grandma was in such a state of shock that she never remembered having touched him. Mother called the store and Grandpa and others arrived quickly. One of the first things Grandpa said was, "Mary, go put some clothes on that baby." There was, on that day, in the barnyard, a cattle buyer looking at a calf. When queried, he said, "I heard two boys running through the house and one shot the other." He did not see Roscoe nor did he see another boy. He judged only from the sound. No other boy was known to be there.

The gun with which Roscoe was killed had been in the family a long time. For years it had been hidden and then found again. The bullet which killed Roscoe had been in the gun all this time. The trigger had snapped on this corroded shell many times when the older boys had tried to remove it. After the tragedy it was found that this gun would "powder burn" at six feet. Roscoe's face showed no sign of "powder burns." This appears to be objective evidence that Roscoe did not shoot himself.

After the funeral it was remembered that a group of gypsies had been camped over the hill. It was suggested that perhaps one of them had been watching the house and seeing the Grandmothers leave had slipped in to plunder, only to be surprised by Roscoe coming into the house. The thief is surmised to have discovered the gun under the feather bed and run to the porch. When Roscoe called out, the intruder shot him.

There were those who thought Roscoe killed himself in order to gain attention. That year there had been several suicides in Paris, Arkansas, and he had heard much talk of these men.

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The brothers were inclined to think it was an accident. Roscoe had played with the gun before. He liked to pretend he was a cowboy and would swing the gun around his head and yell. They felt that Roscoe did not realize that the gun was dangerous and had pulled the trigger while playing.

When I was a little girl the paint was wearing off the front porch of Grandma's house, especially just outside the door. The dark stains were visible after all the years and all the paint, a sad reminder of this tragedy.

KINFOLKS

In preparing this genealogy I found that it was very difficult to obtain information about the personal appearance and personality of my ancestors. Since this collection of data is for coming generations as well as those now living, I am including brief remarks about my relatives.

My great-uncle, Jim Farmer, lived for years in St. Louis, Missouri, and worked for the U. S. Postal Service. He was a large, overweight man, fond of good living and liked rare steaks. I ate my first one while visiting in his home. He had a sense of family responsibility, and at times gave valuable assistance to some of his relatives. Death came as the result of a heat stroke. Although I never saw her, I heard all through my childhood of Uncle Jim's daughter, Freda. She was reported to be so beautiful that all heads turned when she walked down the street. Her clothes were in the best of taste and as a young woman she often bathed three times a day. Elizabeth (Bess) was my age and a dear friend as well as a half cousin. She could play anything by ear on the piano as she had a remarkable talent for music. Her interest in music ranged from classical to jazz. Bess was fun loving, full of good humor, easy to get along with, and always knew the current jokes. She took part in politics, and was a Republican.

Grandpa's eldest son, Roland Jones, was also the tallest. He was a graduate of a business school and later worked as a bookkeeper. This training resulted in his having excellent penmanship and ability to make fine pen drawings. His untimely death was due to pneumonia. Roland left one child, my cousin Lucille. She was never vain and chided me at my six year old birthday party for preening in front of the mirror by saying, "Pretty is as pretty does." At sixteen Lucille and I still spent summers together. She was a lovely slender girl with blue-

green eyes and black hair. After Uncle Roland died she and her mother lived in Paris. For years their home was a gathering place for family and friends who enjoyed their hospitality. Aunt DoSe was noted as a good cook and when there was a bereavement in the community she could be counted on to help with the meals.

Aunt Minnie Foster was a small attractive woman with black hair, flashing brown eyes and a dynamic personality. She was the belle of the town but her first love affair was disapproved of by her parents and resulted in her being sent to a fashionable finishing school in Kentucky where presumably she forgot the young man. At any rate this early experience helped her in rearing her own daughters for she told me she always discouraged them from having the second date with any young man who would be unacceptable as a son-in-law. Although she retained her good looks, glaucoma blinded one of her eyes at the age of forty. Through surgery and diligent treatment the sight of the other was preserved. Travel and conversation were Aunt Minnie's hobbies and when she visited there was always news of all the relatives. Happy were the long summer afternoons as we lounged, drank ice tea and discussed the family. She was visiting her daughter, Marian Cobb, when heart failure brought about her death at the age of eighty.

My cousin Hilda Foster, Aunt Minnie's eldest daughter, is known for her consideration of others. As a girl she helped with her younger sisters. Later in life she shared her home with her parents and looked after her bedridden father. Cousin Izetta, a slender girl with a sparkling personality, has for years lived in California. Cousin Edith began studying piano when very young and is quite talented. With her brown hair and eyes she has a lovely appearance. She has always been a wonderful mother to her four sons. Marion is a brunette about five feet three inches tall. She enjoys her home and children, and is a close companion to her husband. Her mother, sisters, and even some of her cousins affectionately call her "Baby Sister."

Uncle Ralph Jones lived until after the death of his father. He resembled his brother Will in appearance. This uncle was devoted to his father and probably closer to him than his other sons. In all of Grandpa Jones' enterprises he was a partner. I grew up with Minnie Jones, his daughter, who was also a brunette with large brown eyes. As a child she had long, brown curls. Minnie never got into childhood troubles and life always seemed to give her the good things. She is not only young in heart but the years have changed her little. She still looks much younger than her age. The younger sister, Jerald, is a blonde.

For many years she lived next door to her parents. She looked a lot like Grandma Jones and was the shortest of my cousins. Jerald has always liked people and knows all the worthwhile news.

Uncle Carl Jones is still living as I write this. He was the blond son of the family. As a young man he attended the University of Arkansas. Since he was the youngest of my living uncles, as a child I felt closer to him than to the others. He was more carefree and less serious than the rest, but time has proven that this attitude was a veneer covering remarkable business acumen. With the help of his wife he proved to be the most successful financially. His oldest daughter, Hilda, was a willowy blonde girl always correct and neat in every particular. Her clothes are stylish and she has the gift of wearing them so that they look even more beautiful. She inherited a wry sense of humor that keeps those around her amused. Margaret is approximately 5 feet 3 inches tall. She too is a blonde. She set her goals early and even in childhood knew what she wanted and managed to get it. She loves music, books, education, and all cultural things. Margaret is good company and I was associated closely with her during her college days. Elizabeth, the baby of the family, is another blonde beauty. She is an excellent hostess with a warm and friendly personality.

My father, Will Jones Jr., was of average height with black hair and brown eyes. Early in life his hair turned grey. He was a high-tempered individual but soon got over an outburst. As a result of being a good business man he twice made modest fortunes before ill health forced his retirement. Hobbies were always of interest and he followed them enthusiastically. A few that I can remember are photography, band, rearing of show chickens, and inventions. A natural mechanic, he developed several improvements on farm machinery. In business college he learned accounting and telegraphy and worked briefly as a telegrapher at Round Pond, Arkansas and Piedmont, Oklahoma. For years he figured the income tax for Grandpa's extensive businesses. Papa enjoyed his family and got a lot out of living. In the evenings he was at home reading or playing cards. He rarely missed his favorite radio programs. Like all the family he had a keen sense of humor. There was never a dull moment, as he was a practical joker and one never knew what would happen next. Although a Democrat, he had no use for the New Deal. In his thirties he contracted tuberculosis but by adhering to the prescribed treatment after going to a sanatorium he overcame the disease. He had a high I.Q. and could probably have been successful in anything he attempted. Death follow-

ed a heart attack.

My brother, William Jones, was a blond baby with golden hair and blue eyes. Mother thought him to be her best behaved child. He enjoys hunting and fishing, and photography; however, stamp collecting is his favorite hobby. My other brother, Harold, has always been noted for his ability to meet people, remember them and make friends. He is six feet three inches tall, usually weighs about 190 pounds and is a brunet with brown eyes. He enjoys working in the yard with his flowers and is renowned in the family as an outdoor chef. Lora Love Strickland, my sister, is the baby of the family. She is able to assume great responsibility and has given much time to community activities. Her lovely brunette beauty graces many social gatherings. At present she is professionally engaged in public school administration. I was named Rapha Olga by my father, Will Jones, after a character in a book. I am 5 feet 2 inches tall and was born with black hair and brown eyes. My hair began to turn grey while I was in my twenties. Reading, genealogy, and travel have been my hobbies. I also collect antiques, coins, and Indian artifacts. For ten years I have been employed in my professional capacity as a psychiatric social worker by the Veterans Administration.

This is too brief a sketch to write in detail of all Grandpa Jones' descendents. There are now great distances between family members and I do not know some of his great-grandchildren. I do, however, remember how pleased both Grandpa and Grandma were over their first great grandchild, W. P. Hamilton. He grew up and fulfilled their expectations. After college he enlisted and was an officer in WW II. He had to retire because of an illness and then turned his sharp brilliant mind to law. He practices as an attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas. His brother, Jim Hamilton, is musical and probably the most artistic member of the family. His home is one of the most beautiful in Little Rock.

Donna Gardner, the daughter of my cousin Margaret Jones grew up in Union City, Tennessee. I have not seen her since she was a baby, but know that she has won many honors in music as well as recognition for her beauty and popularity. She is now married and a young mother.

My own nieces and nephews are still quite young but all show promise of becoming fine men and women. James William and Colbert Jones are boy scouts and have many hobbies; James William enjoys hunting and fishing. Both are interested in nature and Indian artifacts. They are blonds. Priscilla Love Strickland, my blonde niece resembles her father's people.

She does well in school and is very popular with her group. Her brother Sidney Strickland looks like his mother although he has blue eyes. He is small for his age, a natural comedian, and musical. Margo Jones, my brunette niece, is only seven. She is large for her age, pretty and loveable. In appearance she looks very much as I did at her age.

My daughter, Gloria Trail Exall, is a tall willowy blonde, beautiful, gay, and an excellent dancer. She attended the University of Arkansas, receiving her Masters Degree in social work when she was twenty. Her husband is John S. Exall, among whose ancestors are the Hoskins, Sizæ, Buckner, and Dobyns families of the tidewater of Virginia. Gloria and Jack have two sons, John Stuart and William Blair. Stuart is large for his age, blond and gifted. Although Blair is still a baby, he looks like Stuart.

My grandfather had fourteen grandchildren and most of them had college educations. Those who did not, attended business school. There are as yet no millionaires or paupers among my grandfather's descendents. None have been arrested for anything more serious than a traffic violation. All are members of the church of their faith. The principal vice seems to be the use of tobacco, yet a few of my cousins do not smoke. Although there are some who are teetotalers, the majority will take a drink.

It is a nice feeling to know something of one's ancestors. Any descendent of W. H. Jones has a right to be proud of his family.

APPENDIX I

1. Thomas Jones (see biography) was born in Tenn. or Va. He died in 1849 or 1850 in Calif. He married Cordelia McNary in Tenn. and came to Missouri prior to 1844. Issue may not be in order of birth: Francis Miniter Jones see Jones genealogy; Thomas Jack Jones see 2; Aseneth Jones see 3; Loretta Jones see 4; John Jones b 1832 d 1849; Martin Jones see 5; Nelson McNary Jones see 6; Nancy A. Jones see 9; Sarah E. Jones see 10; Wiley W. Jones see 11; Barthena Jones see 12.
2. Thomas Jack Jones, ex 1, married 1st Mary Jane Harris m 2nd Mary Baker (widow) d 1909 dau of Michael Worley and his 1st wife. Issue by Mary Jane Harris: James Jones; Robert Jones; Eva Jones; Florence Jones. By his 2nd wife, Mary Worley Baker he had Elnora Grant; Wiley Jones; Harrison Jones.
3. Aseneth Jones, ex 1, m John Clemmons Phillips. Issue: Mary Angeline Phillips, d 1912, m Jim Hammons; Margaret Phillips died young; Thomas J. Phillips; Isaac Phillips; Abner Phillips; Polly Ann Phillips m Mr. Greninger; Sarah Adaline Phillips m Mr. Yarber; George W. Phillips; Rosa Phillips; Viola Phillips.
4. Loretta Jones, ex 1, married Absolem Baker. Issue: Henry Baker m Mary Taylor; Sam Baker m Cil Hess; Polk K. Baker m Nancy Grimes; Thomas Baker m Mary Worley; Jake Baker m Nancy Casey; Isaac (Ike) Baker m Bell O'Bryant; Narcissus Baker a nurse m 1st Sterling Simmons. They had one child Sam Simmons, m 2nd Oliver Grimes.

5. Martin (Mart) A. Jones, ex 1, musician, married Apr. 28, 1864, Mary Rickman.
6. Nelson McNary (Mack) Jones, ex 1, b 1833 d 1896 married Sarah Jane Murphy. Issue: Daniel Jones see 7; James Bradley see 8; Austin Jones b July 24, 1865 musician Lyons Music Co.; Laura Jones b Mar. 6, 1862 m Felix Huckaby; John H. Jones b Apr. 4, 1852, died young; Lucy Ann Jones b Sept. 20, 1853 died young; Mary Jones b Oct. 31, 1855 died young; Sarah Jones b Oct. 22, 1867 died young.
7. Daniel Jones, ex 6, b Sept. 22, 1847. Was a preacher and did cabinet work. Made dulcimers. Married Mar. 14, 1866 Sarah Caroline Mitchel, b 1848. Issue: Tennessee Jones b Nov. 5, 1873, m Mr. Mustain; Anna Lee Jones b Oct. 26, 1877 m Mr. Robbins; Laura Francis Jones b Jan. 4, 1882; Daniel Richard Jones b Oct. 4, 1883; Lula Jones b July 23, 1886; Sarah Jane Jones died young; William Nelson Jones died young; Lidia M. Jones b Nov. 25, 1875, died young.
8. James Bradley, ex 6, b July 20, 1849, m 1st Mar. 13, 1871, Mary A. Harris. He and his cousin Adeline Jones were married the same day.
9. Nancy A. Jones, ex 1, b 1836, married 1st Mar. 20, 1857, Looney Phillips who died 1867, m 2nd Isaac LaFayette Morton. Issue: John Phillips.
10. Sarah E. Jones, ex 1, b July 19, 1837, married Joshua Bearding.
11. Wiley W. Jones, ex 1, b 1846, married Elizabeth.
12. Barthena Jones, ex 1, married Andrew Worley.

APPENDIX II

1. William (Billie) Sweaney, b April 28, 1797, d Mar. 13, 1857 m Mar. 15, 1818 Zelphia Price b Sept. 17, 1791, d Feb. 24, 1872 buried in Johnson Co., Ark. Family lived in Chattanooga, Tenn. before coming to Ark. Issue: James M. Swaaney b Mar. 14, 1821; Elizar Jane Sweaney see 2; George H. Sweaney b Oct. 15, 1825; Emaline Sweaney see 3; Clementine Sweaney (see body of genealogy); Hiram H. Sweaney see 4.
2. Elizar Jane Sweaney, ex 1, b Mar. 4, 1823 m Mr. Birchfield. Issue: Josephine Birchfield who m Mr. Patterson, and they had David Patterson; Jordie Birchfield m Mr. Oran no issue but an adopted daughter Pearl Oran.
3. Emaline Sweaney, ex 1, b June 8, 1827, m 1st Mr. Perkins and 2nd Mr. Newt Hibbs. Issue: Josey Perkins m Tom Carr, and they had Ada, Emma, Cleaborn, Jordon and Archie; Dillard Perkins m Agnes Crook and they had Claud and Dolph; Eleanor Hibbs see 5; Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hibbs m Mr. Bud Nichols. They had Kathleen and Henry.
4. Hiram H. Sweaney, ex 1, b Feb. 11, 1832, m July 10, 1853, Margaret Hawkins b June 16, 1830. Issue: George L. Sweaney b July 2, 1854, d 1865 of small pox; John Franklin Sweaney b Jan. 1, 1857.
5. Eleanor (Lena) Hibbs, ex 3, b Aug. 2, 1866 d March 1944, m Feb. 1, 1883 Robert Calhoun Parker b Apr. 12, 1857, d Oct. 1, 1941, son of J. W. Parker and Adeline DePriest. Issue: Arthur see 6; Juanita see 7; James Parker b July 8, 1902, d Jan. 24, 1942, Ruth see 8. Home: Paris, Ark.

6. Arthur Parker, ex 5, b Sept. 23, 1885 m Dec. 1, 1910.
Issue: Floramae Parker b May 2, 1913, m L. R. McCright;
Arthur Clarence Parker, Jr. b Dec. 10, 1916 m Mary Lou
Etter; Robert Bowman Parker b Aug. 22, 1920 m Lucille
Thomas.

7. Juanita Parker, ex 5, b Feb 18, 1889 m Mr. Ritchie. Issue:
Parker Ritchie; Helen Ritchie; R. C. Ritchie.

8. Ruth Parker, ex 5, b May 18, 1904 m Apr. 12, 1928 Mr.
Quigley. Issue: Mary Kathleen Quigley b Mar. 18, 1934;
Thomas Michael b Apr. 28, 1935.

9. Clementine Love Sweaney, ex 1, b Jan. 11, 1830, near
Chattanooga, Tenn. d June 4, 1920 Atkins Ark. m 1st approx
1850, Francis Miniter Jones d Dec. 6, 1853 son of Thomas
Jones and Cordelia McNary. Issue: William Henry Jones
b Jan. 8, 1853 d Feb. 15, 1929. Clementine Sweaney m 2nd
Right Lee on Nov. 4, 1858. He died three months later.
No issue. Married 3rd James Decab Farmer about 1862.
He died Aug. 25, 1865 and was the son of Bird Farmer b
approx. 1798 d 1839 and Sara Jane Hudson b 1800. There
was one son by this marriage; James David Farmer see 10.
Clementine m 4th Burton Williams who died Nov. 20, 1899.
No issue.

10. James David Farmer, ex 9, railway mail supervisor, b
Jan. 4, 1863, d July 13, 1930 St. Louis Mo. of a heat stroke.
Married Oct. 29, 1885, Amanda Ella La Ferry b Dec. 10,
1867, d approx. 1904. Issue: Angel daughter b and d Feb.
19, 1897; William Fay b Mar. 29, 1888 d Sept. 13, 1888;
Fredricka Clementine see 11; David Maurice see 12; Vir-
ginia Elizabeth see 13. James David Farmer m 2nd Jennie
La Ferry sister of his first wife. "Aunt Jennie" reared the
children but had none of her own.

11. Fredrica (Freda) Clementine Farmer, ex 10, b Apr. 12,
1892, d June 1950. Married 1st Edward Phelan. Issue:
Edward Joseph Phelan; James David Phelan. Fredrica m
2nd Stephan Martina. Lived in California.

12. David Maurice Farmer, ex 10, b Sept. 13, 1894. Issue:
Dorthy May Farmer.

13. Virginia Elizabeth (Bess) Farmer, ex 10, b Feb. 1, 1903 d

Aug. 6, 1954, m Aug. 12, 1922, George Joseph (Red) Wamhoff b Dec. 15, 1897, son of Charles Wamhoff and Christine Simon. Issue: James John (Jack) Wamhoff see 14.

14. James John Wamhoff, ex 13, aircraft dispatcher, b Feb. 21, 1923, m Aug. 27, 1948 St. Louis Mo., Elizabeth Ann Chesterson, b Dec. 29, 1925, daughter of Warren Glen Chesterson and Mary Besanquette. Issue: Jack Michael (Mike) Wamhoff b June 23, 1950; James Jeffery (Jeff) Wamhoff b Nov. 26, 1951. Home Address: 79 Lark Hill Lane, Baldwin, Mo.

Some may be puzzled by the various ways I have spelled Sweaney. I have found it spelled four ways. When copying, I have used the spelling on the document. Other than that, I have used Sweaney as it was spelled in the family bible.

William Sweaney had two brothers, Bennet and Robert. Prior to William's emigration to Arkansas, they all lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Their only sister, Lavina, married Issac Haire and moved to Chillicothe, Ohio.

The following is an exact copy of a letter written by Isaac Haire to his brothers-in-law, the above mentioned William, Bennet, and Robert Sweaney. The many references to economic and political conditions are of historical interest and the original form has been preserved as an example of the prose and spelling in common usage during that period.

May the 30th 1848 State of Ohio ross County.

Dear Brothers and sisters in Tennessee after a long Absence I take my pen inhand to speake to you one time more in this way as we have no other. First I say through the Boundless Marcy of a kind God we live and enjoy a tollarable state of health. I will give you a gineral sketch of our Doings here as well as I can. We landed in Chillicothe Ross Co April 23, 1846 and rented a house at four Dollars per Month and all lived together two weeaks and then Houston and Zimmerman and the widow Buskell all left me and Vina in town and rented in the Country about five Miles off. I continued to rent in town and work Journey work at the Waggon Bisness three Months and then I Bought a lot and tolerable well improved hous and chitchen and smoak house and wood house and stable for two hundred and fifty dollars. I still worked Journey work untill I got a shop Built and then I worked at home about one year in Chillicothe and then in order to keep

up atoll got on the pike leading to Pourtsmouth on the Ohio river. The gate is five miles from town well fixt with the conveanances of living and I get one hundred and twenty Dollars per Year for keeping it, a business Vina generly attinds to and I still work some. I rented my property out in Chillicothe for thirty two Dollars and fifty cents per year which maiks in all one hundred and fifty two Dollars and fifty cents annually that I have much to do about so that you can see that we can live tollerably Easey while this lasts. But I leave myself here and go to the rest. Zimmerman and little Sarah lives with us. I suppsse you have heard that Matilda is Ded. She died in Chillicothe last August and also her two Dear little twin Babys that was Born three Months Before hir Death. They all Died within a few days of each other. Tilda Died with consump-tion. Houston is leving five miles from us and is doing tollerable well but Eliza is very feble and seems tobe declining. The two little Boys Robert and John is fine fellers and grow fat. He huston has Bought land on good turms and is maiking out Verry well for the Boddy. Zimmerman is Doing well two. He has got a shop of his own and follows the Blacksmith Bisnez and dose a great deal of work. He is now Irning a Waggon in stile. Chillicothe is a beautiful citty containing about ten thousand inhaba-tance. Every kind of luxury that heart could wish on Cheap turms. Corn and pork raised in sioti is incalcul-able and improvements of all kinds is found but the great-est of these improvement is the tilligraph line runs through Chillicothe. They can speak from New York to Chilli-cothe and receive an ananser in twenty minutes the Diss-tance of seven Hundred miles thats a going it Hell a rush is it not? The people is a most indrersous in this Country I ever saw wny where. Everything works and the people are more on an icality then in any Slave State what Ever. But I must herry on and go to town. This is Setling Day that I remit last months gathering in. I receive from fifty to seventy Dollars per month. I wish some of you could come out here. I most anchously wish you was here. I Did Expected to go to tennessee this spring and bought a horse for that purpose But Vina Did not seem willing to let me come and leave hir and as she left all her kind to follow my children I could not leave her and go her having no Blood kind in the state as i know of. It is hard on Both sides. My dear Mother is still living and riteing Constant for me to come and see her Before

she Dyes. Whether I ever Shall see her or any of you in that Country is uncertin as We are Both old and frail and the distance is great tho I think sometimes I shall have the plesure yet in life. But we tarry. May I know we shall all meete at the Judgment Day But when, to Dwell and remane together, whoo can tell. But I have strong hopes that you are all minful that life is fleeting and that we are all passing away and soon must go to people the pale nations of the Dead. My Dear friends think of these things while you may. While time is Afforded, for my oan part I still feel Bound to strive to get to annother and a Better World then this when Done toiling here. Pray for us and Wele inDeaver to Do so for you, so that if we should Never see Each other in life We may rejoyse to gether when Millions of years shall have rold away where all the redeamed of The Lord shall praese him together whare the wicked seace from trobling and the wery all shall Be at home.

Your only sister that was so sick when we met last, so much so that it only seems like a dream to hir that she seen you, offen since That Day she has Been sick But never so Bad as at that time. She would like Exceeding well to have some of you out heare. If not the older ones some of the younger, say some of Wm's Daughters. They would Be greate Coumpany and Satisfaction to hir. But of this we need not Dream much less talk about. It will never tak place I fear; well let us try to Be contented Every Situation of life. It wont last But a little Wile. and all the stormes of life Shall have ended and we shall, if we live rite will land whare troble will Be over, But I must hason. I could rite volums and never exoste the Subject of our soul salvation. Bless the Lord O My soul and all in me prase his holy name. My friends I Do hope you are doing well for Soul and Body Both But perticlely the soul. It matters But little how the short lived Body fares But O the soul. It never Dyes. Matilda Died in the triumphs of a living Faith and today her and hir Mother and two little twin angels shines round the throne of God while I am trying to rite Down this is great source of pleasure and transports and Elats my poor little soul to think that I shall soon Be with them if I am faithful to the grace given. Lavina is still aboard of jisoz Ship and sometimes has greate gales to waft it on and I thinks it wont be long till she Will land on Canaans hapy shore. Now I close perticly requesting you to rite to me when you

Recd. this and give me a ful letter all about the hole connexion thate is thare and Everything interesting in your Country and whether Tennessee will give Cass or Dalton a large magority for presidents. I will venter to say that they aught as I believe. Before I close I must tell you that Jabes Cooper enlisted for five years last August a year ago and it is Eight months since he rote To me. I think it quite probilly he is Ded. The last accounts he was at Callifonny. I add not But remane Your affectionate Brother and sister untill Death.

Isaac and Lavina Haire

To William and Bennet and Robert Sweaney and thare Familys

My Dear friends William, Bennet and Robert and all your wives and all your Children this short Epistle is addrest to you all and when you read it think of us far away.

(addressed to)
Mr. Robert Sweany
State of Tennessee
Marian County
Chatinooga

(Postmarked)
Chillicothe
June 4
10 (cents)

Chatanooga

Mr. Robert Sweney
State of Tennessee
Marian County
Chattanooga

APPENDIX III

1. Robert Allen Sykes is probably the son of an Allen Sykes who in 1790 lived in the Caswell District of North Carolina and owned 200 acres of land. Robert Allen Sykes married Elizabeth Shores who was born Apr. 13, 1800. Issue: Rhody Elizabeth Sykes b Apr. 26, 1821; Lavander M. Sykes see 10; Cathrine Haldane Sykes b Dec. 30, 18--; Mayer Allen Sykes (Robert M. Sykes called Bob) see 2; -- -- Sykes b Oct. 26, 1833; Margret Elizabeth Sykes b Jan. 14, 1836. The following children were evidently by a second wife: Yetman W. Sykes see 13; Mandy Elizabeth Sykes b Mar. 27, 1848; Sary Elizabeth Sykes b Jan. 28, 1850. One of the daughters married Riley Belcher.
2. Robert M. Sykes (Mayer Allen Sykes) ex 1, b Mar. 5, 1830, near Chattanooga, Tenn. d Aug. 20, 1896 Prairie View, Ark. m 1845 Smith County Tenn. Elizabeth Gooden Crook b Jan. 28, 1829 in Tenn. d Jan. 12, 1912 in Atkins, Ark. Both are buried at Prairie View, Ark. Elizabeth Gooden Crook was the daughter of Betsy Collier and Joseph Crook (see Appendix IV). Issue of Robert Sykes and Elizabeth Gooden Crook: Lizzie Sykes b about 1851 died between 1856 and 1863; Eliza Jane Sykes b Mar. 31, 1853 near Chattanooga, Tenn. d Mar. 14, 1931 (see Jones genealogy); James (Jim) Lavander Sykes see 3; Tennessee Sykes see 7. Before moving to Arkansas in 1868 Robert M Sykes lived for a time in Kentucky. In 1914 relatives still lived at Sugar Grove, Marion, and Sykes Station, Kentucky.

3. James Lavander (Jim) Sykes, ex 2, Baptist preacher, d Nov. 13, 1928 m first Addaline (Addie Lou) Shrader d at age 33. Jim m second Barbara Lipe Canada (Widow). By his first wife he had: Ervin Sykes see 4; Martha Iola (Chock) Sykes see 5; Robert Hall Sykes see 6. By his second wife he had: Barnes Sykes; Ruthie Sykes married Joe Rollins; Calvin Sykes is deceased; Boyd Sykes; Jack Sykes; Ola Sykes; John Sykes; Jewell Floyd Sykes is deceased; Hazel Sykes.
4. Ervin James Sykes, ex 3, b Dec. 24, 1879 near Paris, Ark. m 1900 Mary Cooper d 1913 m 2nd 1916 Leona Earp. By his first wife he had: Carmel Sykes b 1901 d age 4; Jim Sykes b 1905 m 1st Cora Davis m 2nd Anna Boren; Lessie May Sykes b 1902 m 1st Tom Mays m 2nd Avery Cochran; Russell Sykes b 1906 m Thelma Whittey; Eskew Sykes b 1909 m Hazel Cochran. By his second wife, he had: Boyd and Floyd Sykes (twins) b 1916. Floyd died in infancy. Boyd m Laura Coleman; Clyde and Clytie Sykes (twins) b 1919, Clytie m 1st Virgil Davis m 2nd Cecil Burton; Wilma Sykes b 1924 m Edward Turley. Home Address: Chowchilla, Cal.
5. Martha Iola (Chock) Sykes, ex 3, b 1882 m James Berry, lives in Fresno, Calif.
6. Robert Hall Sykes, ex 3, b July 17, 1886 m Josephine Matt. Issue: Della Sykes b Apr. 8, 1910 m Chester Dehart seven children; Ruby Sykes b May 18, 1918 m Lowel Plummer, two sons; R. J. Sykes b Oct. 24, 1922 m Nadine Scarbour. Home Address: Chowchilla, Calif.
7. Tennessee (Tennie) Sykes, ex 2, b Nov. 11, 1861, d Jan. 8, 1940 m 1st John Morrow. One child, Robert Franklin Morrow see 8. Tennessee m 2nd George Patton.
8. Robert Franklin (Frank) Morrow, ex 4, b May 8, 1881, m Feb 27, 1909 Paris, Ark. Beckie Horn, b Feb. 28, 1882 d Sept. 3, 1936, dau of Ace Horn and Lizzie Horn. Issue: Roxie Artrue Morrow b Sept. 9, 1916 m 1932 William James Oliver b May 8, 1912; Dixie Lee Morrow b June 8, 1920 m 1939 Thomas E. Moore b April 13, 1918; Asberry Morrow b Feb. 9, 1912 m Aug. 24, 1938 Iva Mae Rounders; Icey Morrow see 9.

9. Icey Morrow, ex **8**, b Nov. 21, 1911 m Mar. 1, 1930
Charles Edward Case b Jan. 9, 1907, son of Andrew Jackson Case and Martha Elizabeth Case. Issue: Harley Junior Case, b June 11, 1931; Arley Mae Case, b Apr. 5, 1933; Edward Franklin Case, b Feb. 14, 1936; James Jackson Case, b June 30, 1940; Linda Jane Case, b Dec. 28, 1946; Tommy Neil Case, b July 14, 1949.
10. Lavander M. Sykes, ex 1, b Oct, 1825 d March 13, 1912 m first Frances Driver. They had one child Robert Sykes see 11. Lavander married second Oct. 24, 1865 Clarks-ville, Ark. Nancy Kelly b Apr. 27, 1830 d July 7, 1897. Issue: Lavander; Thersa and Emily (twins) b May ---; Oscar b Jan. 13, 1872 d Mar. 25, 1955. He had Roy, Ralph, Mary, Voyle, Carl, Raymond and Minnie May.
11. Robert Sykes, ex 10, b Mar. 13, 1850 d Sept. 1, 1935, m Nov. 14, 1875 Alice Van Bone McNaughton b June 20, 1857 d Mar. 31, 1922 dau of Thomas McNaughton b Mar. 11, 1811 and Caroline Greer b Dec. 23, 1818. Issue of Robert and Alice Sykes: Frances (Fannie) Sykes see 12; Lelia Sykes b Dec. 9, 1879 m John H. Dunn; Frank Sykes b Oct. 28, 1882 d Feb. 22, 1884; Charlie Sykes b Mar. 5, 1885 d Mar. 11, 1941 m Mae Laster; Clara Sykes b Aug. 11, 1887 d Apr. 12, 1888; Robert M Sykes b Apr. 23, 1889 m Neomia Thomas; Margie B. Sykes b Jan. 12, 1892 m Irl Besett.
12. Fannie Sykes, ex 11, b Nov. 7, 1876 m Joe A. Parker b Aug. 29, 1873. Issue: Earl Kenneth Parker b July 27, 1895 m Carrie Ragan; Clarence Leland Parker b Aug. 27, 1897 m Ann McKenney; Charles William Parker b Dec. 17, 1899 m Mabel Ragan Kinny; Lela Marie Parker b Mar. 22, 1902 m Roland C. Higgs; Clara Alice Parker, b Dec. 28, 1904 m Homer McCleary; Robert Maxwell Parker b Feb. 3, 1907; Joseph A. Parker b June 28, 1909 m Velma Barnsley.
13. Yetman W. Sykes, ex 1, b Apr. 1, 1843. Issue: Samey Sykes b Mar. 21, 1868; Mozes Sykes b July 27, 1870.

APPENDIX IV

1. Betsy Collier, b 1774 d 1882 age 108, m Joseph Crook. They had three children: Elizabeth Gooden Crook see 2; Calvin Crook; and Wiliam Crook, who married Sarah Agee. William and Sarah had Ephrum Crook, who married Army Mitchell; Sarah Crook who married Mr. Whitecotton; Martha Crook who married Mr. Hudson; Jane Crook who married Mr. Chandler; Agnes Crook who married Mr. Dillard Perkins; John Crook who married Miss Smith; Jim Crook married Miss Strobe; and Bob Crook who married Kate. It is not known whether or not Calvin Crook married and had descendants.
2. Elizabeth Gooden Crook, ex 1, b Jan. 28, 1829 in Tenn. d Jan 12, 1912 Atkins Ark. m 1845 Smith Country Tenn. Robert M. Sykes b Mar. 5, 1830 d Aug. 20, 1896 Prairie View Ark. He was the son of Robert Allen Sykes and Elizabeth Shores. Issue of Elizabeth Gooden Crook and Robert M. Sykes: Lizzie; Eliza Jane; James Lavander; Tennessee. (See Appendix III)

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